

June 17, 2004

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20445

MB Docket No. 04-160

Dear Marlene,

As a local Broadcaster it infuriates me that after granting licenses for satellite radio, the FCC relied on the promises by XM Radio Inc. And Sirius Radio Inc. They promised to be National-only. Additionally they gave the FCC the perception that their goals were to also be a provider of foreign language programming, senior citizens and children programming. Their posture was clear, it would be National and there would be no harm to local broadcasters. That is clearly not what is happening and immediate action needs to be taken on behalf of the FCC. XM and Sirius have broken their promises by launching localized traffic and weather services (currently they are in the top 21 markets). This is in direct competition with the local programming that we take seriously and pride ourselves in providing as local broadcasters.

In our market alone our 6 radio stations here in Sarasota provide over 650 traffic reports and over 130 local weather reports weekly. The FCC made a commitment to local broadcasters also that they would protect our local broadcasting and the FCC also promised to take "Any necessary action to safeguard the important service that terrestrial radio provides." Take your steps now and do as you promised, step up to the plate and let satellite radio know that they are also accountable to do as they agreed in order to get their licenses granted.

As final thought, local broadcasters are committed to their communities in 2003 alone it speaks volumes to our commitment to public service.... \$9.6 billion we gave in Public Service. Remember Satellite Radio doesn't have public interest limits or ownership limits. They have NO local investment in their communities.

We support the NAB Petition and we hope you will do what is right and also support it.

Sincerely,

Sherri G. Carlson
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